Your community, your place.

It’s good to know that Winter’s finally over and we can look forward to getting out and about more, now that Spring’s arrived.

At this time of year, we reflect on what’s been achieved in the previous financial twelve month period, as we put together our Annual Report and prepare for our Annual General Meeting on 15 October 2019. The stats for July 2018 – June 2019 are very impressive, and we’ve included a snapshot in this edition to give you an insight into the work we’ve been doing to enhance environments and general wellbeing for all 1,498 of our tenants.

During the last financial year, we also refreshed our core vision and values to highlight what we, as an organisation, wish to be known for. The way we show we care about our tenants is through our values: kindness, respect, responsiveness and accountability. Kindness and respect are fundamental to how Haumaru Housing responds to our tenants, colleagues and all those we connect with. We hope that tenants appreciate this and extend the same courtesies to their fellow villagers and to Haumaru staff. Understandably, things might be a little frustrating at times, but we do our best to support tenants in any neighbourhood disputes they might have and to promote harmonious communities, so that everyone can enjoy their home and living in a Haumaru village.

I hope this ethos of mutual respect will also be modelled on the rugby pitch over the next few weeks!

Gabby Clezy, Chief Executive Officer

Food, glorious food!

Meet chef extraordinaire, Christine Wright, who’s been using her expert culinary skills for the communal good since she moved into Northcote’s Hillcrest Court in February.

Christine loves cooking for others and, every two weeks, prepares wonderful meals for some of her fellow tenants to enjoy (generally the male tenants who live on their own). She puts great thought into her menu planning and presents nutritious, wholesome food such as beef stew, vegetable soup, crispy chicken drumsticks and sausage curry which, by all accounts, are absolutely delicious.

In anticipation of their fortnightly feast, villagers now drop off vegetables and ingredients with Christine in advance, and this supportive, neighbourly activity is bringing the village much closer together. Each of the recipients of Christine’s quality fare also receives a plastic tub with a second portion that they can freeze for later.

Christine says she derives so much pleasure in cooking for her neighbours each fortnight. No doubt those she cooks for equally enjoy the mouth-watering results!

A ‘High Tea’ dance at Massey High

Tenants of Massey’s Jack Smyth Court have been treated recently to ‘High Tea’, courtesy of Food Technology students at Massey High School. Not only did the young people prepare and serve the tasty treats, they also spent time chatting with their guests and even had tenants up and dancing with students doing a traditional Samoan dance! We now hope to organise a joint lunch at Massey High during Christmas, too.
Local MP joins Leabank Court celebrations

We were thrilled when Manurewa MP Louisa Wall joined tenants of Leabank Court and Haumaru staff on 6 September to celebrate the re-opening of the village’s recently refurbished community house. The three-bedroom villa at the entrance to the village has been extensively renovated by Haumaru to create a comfortable, home-from-home meeting space for tenants’ general use and social get-togethers. It will also be used as a venue for a wide range of village events, activities and community presentations for tenants and is the sixth of eight such facilities around the villages to be revamped.

Pictured at the re-opening are (from left): Haumaru Housing Board Member Vicki Sykes, Haumaru Housing CEO Gobby Clezy, MP for Manurewa Louisa Wall, and Haumaru Community Manager Maria Fruean.

All aboard!

Tenants continue to enjoy getting out and about in the community vans, with a whole range of trips going here, there and everywhere! Recent outings have included jaunts to the Auckland War Memorial and Winter Gardens, Motat, Crystal Mountain and the Stardome Observatory and Planetarium, as well as shopping trips to Manukau, Sylvia Park and Dressmart. Tenants have also been to lunch at Manukau Institute of Technology’s ‘Dine’ restaurant in Otara, the RSA in Birkenhead and to the Ara-Tai café in Half Moon Bay.

In addition, we’ve provided transport for tenants to attend the specialist seniors’ exercising programme at the new Strength and Wellness studio at Selwyn Heights retirement village in Hillsborough, as well as to the ‘Forever Young’ strength and balance sessions currently taking place in Devonport.

With Spring now here and Summer on the horizon, there will be plenty of other opportunities to get on the road with Haumaru in the months to come.

Indoor bowling is right up our alley

Indoor bowling was very much ‘flavour of the month’ last month at Jack Smyth Court, thanks to a four week trial to encourage physical interaction facilitated by Sport Waitakere. Each week, tenants had the opportunity to choose their preferred activity, with Sport Waitakere then providing all the equipment. The sport of choice proved to be indoor bowling which was a big hit with everyone, with lots of cheering and moral support offered – even during the competition for medals! Held in the Jack Smyth community hall, tenants supplied morning tea and greatly enjoyed the camaraderie and shared community time together.

Busy, busy, busy...

Over the 2018-2019 financial year, we were busy with the following activities:

- 135 meters of private road re-surfaced
- 122 units renovated and rented to new tenants*
- 2 entire villages fully double glazed
- 4 community houses renovated
- 500+ events, activities, trips and outings organised.

*As units become empty, they’re refurbished in readiness to welcome new tenants, thus ensuring we can respond and offer a new home to as many people as possible.

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